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May 29th, 1914

Dr. E. T. Devine,

New York School of Philanthropy.

Dear Dr. Devine:

I have to thank you very sincerely for your letter recommending Mr. Franklin Johnson for the new position that we are intending to establish in the University of Toronto. The record of Mr. Johnson, which you detail, seems to be in some respects excellent, though it occurs to me that possibly his practical experience has been confined rather much to one side of social training, which it would be necessary for us to undertake. We should like a man who has had a pretty wide experience so as to give advice on what may be a rather complicated problem in the city of Toronto. It may be, however, that we cannot secure any one who is better equipped than Mr. Johnson.

I have had other names submitted to me by the other gentlemen to whom I wrote. Would it be asking too much of you to give an opinion as to what is their suitability for our position? Professor J. P. Lichtenberger of Pennsylvania University; Professor Carl Kelsey, University of Pennsylvania; Professor H. W. Thurston of the New York School of Philanthropy; Mr. C. C. Carstens, Secretary of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children; O. E. Lewis of the New York School of Philanthropy; J. W. Magruder General Secretary of Federated Charities of Baltimore; James A. Field of the University of Chicago. We shall want to go over the ground very well before we come to a final decision.

Yours sincerely,

President.